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SUBJECT: COUNTER-TERRORIST RESCUE OPERATIONS

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. IN LIGHT RECENT UPSURGE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, AND
NEED FOR CLOSER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, WE WISH TO
DESPATCH A SMALL SENIOR LEVEL DOD/NSC/STATE TEAM TO LEARN
ABOUT TACTICS, TECHNIQUES AND PROCEDURES USED IN SUCCESSFUL
FRG OPERATION TO FREE HIJACKED LUFTHANSA AIRCRAFT IN
SOMALIA. TEAM WOULD ALSO FIND IT MOST HELPFUL TO BE
BRIEFED ABOUT FRG CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES. VISIT

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WOULD TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN NOVEMBER. WHILE IN
EUROPE, TEAM MEMBERS COULD VISIT THE NETHERLANDS TO GAIN
FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON THE ASSAULT ON THE TRAIN SEIZED
EARLIER THIS YEAR BY MOLUCCAN TERRORISTS. CONSULTATIONS
WITH UK OFFICIALS WOULD ALSO SEEM APPROPRIATE.

2. PLEASE PRESENT THIS REQUEST ASAP TO FOREIGN MINISTER

GENSCHER, INDICATING THAT HIGHEST USG AUTHORITIES ARE MOST INTERESTED IN THIS CONSULTATION. WE WILL INDICATE NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS UPON FRG CONCURRENCE.

3. ADVISE RESPONSE.

4. FOR LONDON AND THE HAGUE: WE WILL ADVISE YOU ON APPROACHING HOST GOVERNMENT ONCE WE HAVE FRG RESPONSE.
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